FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet: Resource Guide
Purpose

• The FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet was created to help counties visualize patterns in their current congregate care (CC) practice and identify ways in which these practices may be impacted by Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) implementation.

• Each county packet includes two interconnected, aggregate level data reports:
  • FFPSA Bubble Charts
  • FFPSA Bubble Chart Supplemental Tables
Step One: How to read a FFPsa Bubble Chart
New York State: 2017 Congregate Care Entries

A. Total number of movements into CC in CY 2017 (AOB/H, Group Home, Group Residence, Institution, SILP)

B. Status at CC Entry

C. Case Type at CC Entry

D. Status @ 366 days post CC Admission

E. Time to Exit CC in days:

F. Exit Reason
Don’t Panic- we promise it’s not as complicated as it looks……

The Scream, painting by Edward Munch
Things to know before you start

• Bubble Charts show how children move into and out of congregate level care within a one-year time period.

• Charts include all children from that region/county moving into voluntary-agency run CC programs- including both LDSS and OCFS custodial youth.

• Think of this as a type of admission sample- charts do not include children already in CC at the beginning of the year or children who laterally transfer from one CC program to another.

• If a child moves in and out of CC more than once during the year, each new “episode” of CC is captured in the chart.
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- Congregate care is defined as agency-operated boarding homes, group homes, group residences, institutions, and supervised independent living programs (SILPS) as FFPSA will impact the ability of counties to drawn down Title IVE care and maintenance dollars for children currently being served in these types of programs.
Things to know before you start

- Each row captures children’s status at a particular processing point and uses “bubbles” to reflect possible outcomes. Larger bubbles indicate more children followed that path.

- To capture potential FFPSA impacts, the rows selected for the bubble charts were based on key foster care decision points and/or FFPSA timeframes.
  
  - For example, Row E “Time to Congregate Care (CC) exit in Days” is broken out into three groups – under 30 days, 31 – 60 days, and 61 or more days. These groups were chosen based on the 30 day initial assessment and 60 day court review timeframes set by FFPSA.
New York State
2017 FFPSA Bubble Chart:
Step by step
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Total Movements: 4075

New Admissions: 3237

3,237 out of 4,075 (79%) CC entries in 2017 involved children newly admitted to foster care
Key Questions

- How many of your entries into CC are new admissions versus step-ups? Which path might you focus on first to have the most impact in reducing your congregate care (CC) population?
Key Questions

• What percent of your congregate care admissions were child welfare cases, versus JD/PINS? Should you consider coordinating with someone from probation about strategies to keep JD/PINS youth out of CC?
Key Questions

- How many of your children remain in CC for longer than one year? Could we implement strategies that would reduce extensions of stay so that children would remain in congregate care for the shortest appropriate amount of time?

The vast majority (1,930 or 82%) of new child welfare-related admissions leave CC within 12-months.

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CW: 2355
In-CC: 425
CC Exit: 1930

Row D jumps forward one year and shows how many children remain in congregate care vs how many have left
Key Questions

- How many children remain in CC for 60 days or less? Why are these children entering CC for such a short length of time? Could we implement strategies to keep these children out of CC entirely?

Row E focuses on exits, and breaks youth into groups based on the length of time between CC entry and CC exit

Ex: 1107, or 47%, of Article 10 admissions left CC in 30 days or less
May 23, 2019

Key Questions

• When children are discharged from care, who are they discharged to?
• What are the characteristics of children who are stepping down from CC? How can we use that knowledge to increase the number of children who are able to step down?

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Row F breaks exits into groups based on where they exited to: Discharged from custody (DC) or a Step-down (SD) to trial discharge or foster boarding home

Ex: Of the 1107 child welfare admissions who exited in 30 days or less, 324 were discharged from custody; 783 stepped down to a lower level of care
Step Two: How to use the FFPSA Supplemental Tables
Supplemental Tables to Bubble Charts

- Aggregate level information on the characteristics of the children included in the bubble chart pathways.
- Each table provides a deeper look at children on different paths in CC.
- Each table provides:
  - Demographics (e.g. age at CC entry, race, ethnicity, gender)
  - current and lifetime foster care history
Tips for Reading the Supplemental Tables

The title of the table shows you which row of the bubble chart it corresponds to.

Supplemental Table 3a. Children Who Exited Congregate Care within 1 Year, 2017 sample--New Admissions (Row F), NYS

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Tables 2 and 3 are divided into two paths, new admissions (2a/3a) and step-up transfers (2b/3b).

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The rows of the tables break down the population for a deeper data dive, including demographic information and foster care history.
Key Questions for Supplemental Tables

• Table 1: What are the characteristics of children entering CC as new admissions? As step-ups?

• Table 2a/b: Are there any differences between children who remain in care after one year and those who exit within one year? Are there any differences between those who exit quickly (within 30 or 60 days)?

• Table 3a/b: Are there any differences between children who exit through custodial discharge and those who step down into FBH or trial discharge?

• Trend Tables/Graphs: How have your movements into CC or foster boarding homes changed over time?
Questions?

Please direct any questions or concerns to the OCFS FFP SA mailbox:

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